



General Assembly

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AN ACT REQUIRING JOINT CAMPAIGNING BY CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN PRIMARIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) At any state convention
2 called by a party, a purpose of which is to choose candidates for
3 nomination for the state offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor,
4 no endorsement for either such office shall be made unless a joint
5 endorsement for nomination as a ticket to both such offices is made at
6 a single roll-call vote of delegates at such convention or poll of such
7 convention by delegation.

8 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 9-400 of the general statutes is
9 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
10 *January 1, 2016*):

11 (a) A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a state office
12 may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears upon
13 the last-completed enrollment list of such party in any municipality
14 within the state and who has either (1) received at least fifteen per cent
15 of the votes of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-
16 call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a
17 candidate for such state office, whether or not the party-endorsed
18 candidate for such office received a unanimous vote on the last ballot,

19 or (2) circulated a petition and obtained the signatures of at least two
20 per cent of the enrolled members of such party in the state, in
21 accordance with the provisions of sections 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive,
22 as amended by this act, except that no candidacy for nomination by a
23 political party to the state office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor
24 shall be filed unless a joint candidacy for such party's nomination as a
25 ticket to both such offices is filed. Candidacies described in subdivision
26 (1) of this subsection shall be filed by submitting to the Secretary of the
27 State not later than four o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day following
28 the close of the state convention, a certificate, signed by such candidate
29 and attested by either (A) the chairman or presiding officer, or (B) the
30 secretary of the convention, that such candidate received at least fifteen
31 per cent of such votes, and that such candidate consents to be a
32 candidate in a primary of such party for such state office. Such
33 certificate shall specify the candidate's name as the candidate
34 authorizes it to appear on the ballot, the candidate's full residence
35 address and the title of the office for which the candidacy is being
36 filed. A single such certificate or petition for state office may be filed
37 on behalf of two or more candidates for different state offices who
38 consent to have their names appear on a single row of the primary
39 ballot under subsection (b) of section 9-437. Candidacies described in
40 subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be filed by submitting said
41 petition not later than four o'clock p.m. on the sixty-third day
42 preceding the day of the primary for such office to the registrar of
43 voters of the towns in which the respective petition pages were
44 circulated. Each registrar shall file each page of such petition with the
45 Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-
46 404c. A petition filed by or on behalf of a candidate for state office shall
47 be invalid for such candidate if such candidate is certified as the party-
48 endorsed candidate pursuant to section 9-388, as amended by this act,
49 or as receiving at least fifteen per cent of the convention vote for such
50 office pursuant to this subsection. Except as provided in section 9-416a,
51 upon the expiration of the time period for party endorsement and
52 circulation and tabulation of petitions and signatures, if any, if one or
53 more candidacies for such state office have been filed pursuant to the

54 provisions of this section, the Secretary of the State shall notify all
55 town clerks and registrars of voters in accordance with the provisions
56 of section 9-433, that a primary for such state office shall be held in
57 each municipality in accordance with the provisions of section 9-415.

58 Sec. 3. Section 9-388 of the general statutes is repealed and the
59 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

60 Whenever a convention of a political party is held for the
61 endorsement of candidates for nomination to state or district office,
62 each candidate endorsed at such convention shall file with the
63 Secretary of the State a certificate, signed by him, stating that he was
64 endorsed by such convention, his name as he authorizes it to appear
65 on the ballot, his full residence address and the title and district, if
66 applicable, of the office for which he was endorsed, except that no such
67 certificate of such party's endorsement for nomination to the state
68 office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall be filed unless such
69 certificate is of a joint endorsement of such party for nomination as a
70 ticket to both such offices, in accordance with section 1 of this act. Such
71 certificate shall be attested by either (1) the chairman or presiding
72 officer, or (2) the secretary of such convention and shall be received by
73 the Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock p.m. on the
74 fourteenth day after the close of such convention. Such certificate shall
75 either be mailed to the Secretary of the State by certified mail, return
76 receipt requested, or delivered in person, in which case a receipt
77 indicating the date and time of delivery shall be provided by the
78 Secretary of the State to the person making delivery. If a certificate of a
79 party's endorsement for a particular state or district office is not
80 received by the Secretary of the State by such time, such certificate
81 shall be invalid and such party, for purposes of section 9-416 and
82 section 9-416a shall be deemed to have made no endorsement of any
83 candidate for such office. If applicable, the chairman of a party's state
84 convention shall, forthwith upon the close of such convention, file with
85 the Secretary of the State the names and full residence addresses of
86 persons selected by such convention as the nominees of such party for

87 electors of President and Vice-President of the United States in
88 accordance with the provisions of section 9-175.

89 Sec. 4. Section 9-404a of the general statutes is repealed and the
90 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

91 Petition forms for candidacies for nomination by a political party to
92 a state office, as defined in section 9-372, or the district office of
93 representative in Congress shall be available from the Secretary of the
94 State beginning on the one-hundred-fifth day preceding the day of the
95 primary for such state and district offices. Petition forms for
96 candidacies for nomination by a political party to the district office of
97 judge of probate, state senator or state representative shall be available
98 from the Secretary of the State beginning on the seventy-seventh day
99 preceding the day of the primary for such office. Any person who
100 requests a petition form shall give the person's name and address and
101 the name, address and office sought of each candidate for whom the
102 petition is being obtained and shall file a statement signed by each
103 such candidate that such candidate consents to be a candidate for such
104 office, except that no petition form for candidacy for nomination by a
105 political party to the state office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor
106 shall be requested unless such petition is being obtained for the joint
107 candidacy for such party's nomination as a ticket to both such offices.
108 Each such candidate shall include on the statement of consent the
109 candidate's name as the candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot.
110 Upon receiving such information and statement, the Secretary shall
111 type or print on a petition form the name and address of each such
112 candidate, the office sought and the political party holding the
113 primary. The Secretary shall give to any person requesting such form
114 one or more petition pages, suitable for duplication, as the Secretary
115 deems necessary. If the person is requesting the form on behalf of an
116 indigent candidate or a group of indigent candidates listed on the
117 same petition, the Secretary shall give the person the number of
118 original pages that the person requests or the number which the
119 Secretary deems sufficient. An original petition page filled in by the

120 Secretary may be duplicated by or on behalf of the candidate or
121 candidates listed on the page and signatures may be obtained on such
122 duplicates. The duplicates may be filed in the same manner and shall
123 be subject to the same requirements as original petition pages. All
124 information relative to primary petitions shall be a public record.

125 Sec. 5. Section 9-451 of the general statutes is repealed and the
126 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

127 The nomination by a minor party of any candidate for office,
128 including an office established after the last-preceding election, and the
129 selection in a municipality by a minor party of town committee
130 members or delegates to conventions may be made in the manner
131 prescribed in the rules of such party, or alterations or amendments
132 thereto, filed with the Secretary of the State in accordance with section
133 9-374, except that no nomination by a minor party for the state office of
134 Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall be filed unless a joint
135 nomination by such party as a ticket for both such offices is filed.

136 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 9-437 of the general statutes is
137 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
138 *January 1, 2016*):

139 (a) At the top of each ballot shall be printed the name of the party
140 holding the primary, and each ballot shall contain the names of all
141 candidates to be voted upon at such primary, except the names of
142 justices of the peace. The vertical columns shall be headed by the
143 designation of the office or position and instructions as to the number
144 for which an elector may vote for such office or position, in the same
145 manner as a ballot used in a regular election, except that the
146 designations for the state offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor
147 shall be in the same vertical column. The name of each candidate for
148 town committee or municipal office, except for the municipal offices of
149 state senator and state representative, shall appear on the ballot as it
150 appears on the registry list of such candidate's town of voting
151 residence, except as provided in section 9-42a. The name of each

152 candidate for state or district office or for the municipal offices of state
153 senator or state representative shall appear on the ballot as it appears
154 on the certificate or statement of consent filed under section 9-388, as
155 amended by this act, 9-391, 9-400, as amended by this act, or 9-409,
156 except that the names of the candidates campaigning jointly for
157 nomination as a ticket to the state offices of Governor and Lieutenant
158 Governor shall further be so placed on the ballot in any such primary
159 that an elector eligible to vote in such primary will cast a single vote
160 for both candidates. On the first horizontal line, below the designation
161 of the office or position in each column, shall be placed the name of the
162 party-endorsed candidate for such office or position, such name to be
163 marked with an asterisk; provided, where more than one person may
164 be voted for for any office or position, the names of the party-endorsed
165 candidates shall be arranged in alphabetical order from left to right
166 under the appropriate office or position designation and shall
167 continue, if necessary, from left to right on the next lower line or lines.
168 In the case of no party endorsement there shall be inserted the
169 designation "no party endorsement" at the head of the vertical column,
170 immediately beneath the designation of the office or position. On the
171 horizontal lines below the line for party-endorsed candidates shall be
172 placed, in the appropriate columns, the names of all other candidates
173 as hereinafter provided.

174 Sec. 7. Subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 9-607 of the
175 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
176 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

177 (g) (1) As used in this subsection, (A) "the lawful purposes of the
178 committee" means: (i) For a candidate committee or exploratory
179 committee, the promoting of the nomination or election of the
180 candidate who established the committee, except that after a joint
181 endorsement for nomination as a ticket, pursuant to section 1 of this
182 act, the filing of a joint candidacy for nomination as a ticket, pursuant
183 to section 9-400, as amended by this act, or a political party nominates
184 candidates for election to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant

185 Governor, whose names shall be so placed on the ballot in the election
186 that an elector will cast a single vote for both candidates, as prescribed
187 in section 9-181, a candidate committee established by either such
188 candidate may also promote the nomination or election of the other
189 such candidate; (ii) for a political committee, the promoting of a
190 political party, including party building activities, the success or defeat
191 of candidates for nomination and election to public office or position
192 subject to the requirements of this chapter, or the success or defeat of
193 referendum questions, provided a political committee formed for a
194 single referendum question shall not promote the success or defeat of
195 any candidate, and provided further a legislative leadership committee
196 or a legislative caucus committee may expend funds to defray costs for
197 conducting legislative or constituency-related business which are not
198 reimbursed or paid by the state; and (iii) for a party committee, the
199 promoting of the party, party building activities, the candidates of the
200 party and continuing operating costs of the party, and (B) "immediate
201 family" means a spouse or dependent child of a candidate who resides
202 in the candidate's household.

203 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 9-616 of the general statutes is
204 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
205 *passage*):

206 (a) A candidate committee shall not make contributions to, or for the
207 benefit of, (1) a party committee, (2) a political committee, (3) a
208 committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office, (4) a national
209 committee, or (5) another candidate committee except that (A) a pro
210 rata sharing of certain expenses in accordance with subsection (b) of
211 section 9-610 shall be permitted, and (B) after a joint endorsement for
212 nomination as a ticket, pursuant to section 1 of this act, the filing of a
213 joint candidacy for nomination as a ticket, pursuant to section 9-400, as
214 amended by this act, or a political party nominates candidates for
215 election to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, whose
216 names shall be so placed on the ballot in the election or primary, as the
217 case may be, that an elector will cast a single vote for both candidates,

218 as prescribed in section 9-181 or 9-437, as amended by this act, as the
219 case may be, an expenditure by a candidate committee established by
220 either such candidate that benefits the candidate committee established
221 by the other such candidate shall be permitted.

222 Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 9-704 of the general statutes is
223 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
224 *January 1, 2016*):

225 (a) The amount of qualifying contributions that the candidate
226 committee of a candidate shall be required to receive in order to be
227 eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be:

228 (1) In the case of [a candidate for nomination or election to the office
229 of Governor] candidates campaigning jointly for nomination or
230 election to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant
231 to section 9-709, as amended by this act, contributions from individuals
232 in the aggregate amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, of
233 which two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars or more is
234 contributed by individuals residing in the state. The provisions of this
235 subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) The candidate
236 committee of the candidates campaigning jointly for nomination or
237 election shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions
238 from any individual, including [said candidate] either of said
239 candidates, that exceeds one hundred dollars, and such excess portion
240 shall not be considered in calculating such amounts, and (B) all
241 contributions received by [(i) an exploratory committee established by
242 said candidate, or (ii) an exploratory committee or candidate
243 committee of a candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor who is
244 deemed to be jointly campaigning with a candidate for nomination or
245 election to the office of Governor under subsection (a) of section 9-709,]
246 any exploratory committee or candidate committee established by
247 either of said candidates campaigning jointly which meet the criteria
248 for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section
249 shall be considered in calculating such amounts; and

250 (2) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
251 of [Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
252 Treasurer or Secretary of the State, contributions from individuals in
253 the aggregate amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, of which sixty-
254 seven thousand five hundred dollars or more is contributed by
255 individuals residing in the state. The provisions of this subdivision
256 shall be subject to the following: (A) The candidate committee shall
257 return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any
258 individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars,
259 and such excess portion shall not be considered in calculating such
260 amounts, and (B) all contributions received by an exploratory
261 committee established by said candidate that meet the criteria for
262 qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section
263 shall be considered in calculating such amounts.

264 (3) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
265 of state senator for a district, contributions from individuals in the
266 aggregate amount of fifteen thousand dollars, including contributions
267 from at least three hundred individuals residing in municipalities
268 included, in whole or in part, in said district. The provisions of this
269 subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) The candidate
270 committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions
271 from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one
272 hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in
273 calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this subdivision,
274 (B) no contribution shall be counted for the purposes of the
275 requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least
276 three hundred individuals residing in municipalities included, in
277 whole or in part, in the district unless the contribution is five dollars or
278 more, and (C) all contributions received by an exploratory committee
279 established by said candidate that meet the criteria for qualifying
280 contributions to candidate committees under this section shall be
281 considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount under
282 this subdivision and all such exploratory committee contributions that
283 also meet the requirement under this subdivision for contributions

284 from at least three hundred individuals residing in municipalities
285 included, in whole or in part, in the district shall be counted for the
286 purposes of said requirement.

287 (4) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
288 of state representative for a district, contributions from individuals in
289 the aggregate amount of five thousand dollars, including contributions
290 from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities
291 included, in whole or in part, in said district. The provisions of this
292 subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) The candidate
293 committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions
294 from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one
295 hundred dollars, and such excess portion shall not be considered in
296 calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this subdivision,
297 (B) no contribution shall be counted for the purposes of the
298 requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least one
299 hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole
300 or in part, in the district unless the contribution is five dollars or more,
301 and (C) all contributions received by an exploratory committee
302 established by said candidate that meet the criteria for qualifying
303 contributions to candidate committees under this section shall be
304 considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount under
305 this subdivision and all such exploratory committee contributions that
306 also meet the requirement under this subdivision for contributions
307 from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities
308 included, in whole or in part, in the district shall be counted for the
309 purposes of said requirement.

310 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (3) and (4) of
311 this subsection, in the case of a special election for the office of state
312 senator or state representative for a district, (A) the aggregate amount
313 of qualifying contributions that the candidate committee of a candidate
314 for such office shall be required to receive in order to be eligible for a
315 grant from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be seventy-five per cent or
316 more of the corresponding amount required under the applicable said

317 subdivision (3) or (4), and (B) the number of contributions required
318 from individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole or in
319 part, in said district shall be seventy-five per cent or more of the
320 corresponding number required under the applicable said subdivision
321 (3) or (4).

322 Sec. 10. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 9-705 of the
323 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
324 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

325 (a) (1) The qualified candidate committee of [a major party
326 candidate for the office of Governor who has a primary for nomination
327 to said office] major party candidates campaigning jointly for the
328 offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-
329 709, as amended by this act, who have a primary for nomination as a
330 ticket to said offices shall be eligible to receive a grant from the
331 Citizens' Election Fund for the primary campaign in the amount of one
332 million two hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a
333 primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
334 under subsection (d) of this section.

335 (2) The qualified candidate committee of [a candidate for the office
336 of Governor who has been nominated, or who has] candidates
337 nominated as a ticket to and campaigning jointly for the offices of
338 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as
339 amended by this act, or candidates campaigning jointly for said offices
340 who have qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with
341 the provisions of subpart C of part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to
342 receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the
343 amount of six million dollars, provided in the case of an election held
344 in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection
345 (d) of this section.

346 (b) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
347 for the office of [Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State
348 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has a

349 primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant
350 from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of three
351 hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a
352 primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted
353 under subsection (d) of this section.

354 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
355 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
356 Treasurer who has been nominated, or who has qualified to appear on
357 the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of
358 part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund
359 for the general election campaign in the amount of seven hundred fifty
360 thousand dollars, provided in the case of an election held in 2014, or
361 thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this
362 section.

363 (c) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of
364 this section, the qualified candidate committee of eligible minor party
365 candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and
366 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as amended by this
367 act, or the qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party
368 candidate for the office of [Governor, Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney
369 General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer
370 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
371 election campaign if the candidate of the same minor party for the
372 same office at the last preceding regular election received at least ten
373 per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said
374 office at said election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third of the
375 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or
376 (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided (A) if
377 the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last
378 preceding regular election received at least fifteen per cent of the
379 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
380 election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of
381 the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this

382 section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if the candidate of the
383 same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular
384 election received at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes
385 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the amount of the
386 grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign
387 grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the
388 same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in 2014, or
389 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this
390 section.

391 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this
392 section, the qualified candidate committee of eligible petitioning party
393 candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and
394 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as amended by this
395 act, or the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
396 party candidate for the office of [Governor, Lieutenant Governor,]
397 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
398 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
399 general election campaign if said candidate's nominating petition has
400 been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per
401 cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last
402 preceding regular election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third
403 of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection
404 (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided
405 (A) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a
406 number of qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the
407 whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding
408 regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the
409 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or
410 (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if said
411 candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
412 qualified electors equal to at least twenty per cent of the whole number
413 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,
414 the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general
415 election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a

416 candidate for the same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in
417 2014, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (d)
418 of this section.

419 (3) In addition to the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
420 subsection, the qualified candidate committee of eligible petitioning
421 party candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and
422 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as amended by this
423 act, the qualified candidate committee of eligible minor party
424 candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and
425 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to said section, and the qualified
426 candidate committee of an eligible petitioning party candidate and the
427 qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party candidate for
428 the office of [Governor, Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State
429 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer shall be eligible
430 to receive a supplemental grant from the fund after the general election
431 if the treasurer of such candidate committee reports a deficit in the first
432 statement filed after the general election, pursuant to section 9-608, and
433 such candidate received a greater percentage of the whole number of
434 votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election than the
435 percentage of votes utilized by such candidate to obtain a general
436 election campaign grant described in subdivision (1) or (2) of this
437 subsection. The amount of such supplemental grant shall be calculated
438 as follows:

439 (A) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than ten
440 per cent, but not more than fifteen per cent, of the whole number of
441 votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant
442 shall be the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the
443 difference between the percentage of such whole number of votes
444 received by such candidate and ten per cent and the denominator is
445 ten, and (ii) two-thirds of the amount of the general election campaign
446 grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party
447 candidate for the same office.

448 (B) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than fifteen

449 per cent, but less than twenty per cent, of the whole number of votes
450 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant shall be
451 the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the difference
452 between the percentage of such whole number of votes received by
453 such candidate and fifteen per cent and the denominator is five, and
454 (ii) one-third of the amount of the general election campaign grant
455 under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate
456 for the same office.

457 (C) The sum of the general election campaign grant received by any
458 such candidate and a supplemental grant under this subdivision shall
459 not exceed one hundred per cent of the amount of the general election
460 campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major
461 party candidate for the same office.

462 Sec. 11. Subdivision (5) of subsection (j) of section 9-705 of the
463 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
464 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

465 (5) The amount of the primary grant or general election campaign
466 grant for a qualified candidate committee shall be reduced, pursuant to
467 the provisions of this subdivision, if such candidate committee has
468 control and custody over lawn signs from any prior election or
469 primary in the following applicable amount: (A) Five hundred or more
470 lawn signs for the qualified candidate committee of major party
471 candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and
472 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-709, as amended by this
473 act, the qualified candidate committee of eligible minor party
474 candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and
475 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to said section, or the qualified
476 candidate committee of eligible petitioning party candidates
477 campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant
478 Governor, pursuant to said section, or the qualified candidate
479 committee of a candidate for the office of [Governor, Lieutenant
480 Governor,] Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State
481 or State Treasurer, (B) one hundred or more lawn signs for the

482 qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state
483 senator, or (C) fifty or more lawn signs for the qualified candidate
484 committee of a candidate for the office of state representative. If such
485 qualified candidate committee has custody and control over lawn
486 signs in the applicable amount, as described in this subdivision, the
487 grant from the fund for the primary campaign or general election
488 campaign, as applicable, for such qualified candidate committee shall
489 be reduced as follows: (i) Two thousand five hundred dollars for the
490 qualified candidate committee of major party candidates campaigning
491 jointly for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant
492 to section 9-709, as amended by this act, the qualified candidate
493 committee of eligible minor party candidates campaigning jointly for
494 the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to said
495 section, or the qualified candidate committee of eligible petitioning
496 party candidates campaigning jointly for the offices of Governor and
497 Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to said section, or the qualified
498 candidate committee of a candidate for the office of [Governor,
499 Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary
500 of the State or State Treasurer, (ii) five hundred dollars for the
501 qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state
502 senator, or (iii) two hundred fifty dollars for the qualified candidate
503 committee of a candidate for the office of state representative. In no
504 event shall such a reduction be made both to a qualified candidate
505 committee's primary campaign grant and to such candidate
506 committee's general election grant. No reduction in either the primary
507 campaign or general election campaign for a qualified candidate
508 committee's grant shall be taken for any lawn sign that is not in the
509 custody or control of the qualified candidate committee. Nothing in
510 this subdivision shall be construed to apply to any item other than
511 lawn signs.

512 Sec. 12. Subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-706 of
513 the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in
514 lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

515 (a) (1) A participating candidate for nomination to the office of state
516 senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office of
517 [Governor, Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State
518 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, or a
519 participating candidate campaigning jointly with another participating
520 candidate for nomination to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant
521 Governor, in 2010, or thereafter, may apply to the State Elections
522 Enforcement Commission for a grant from the fund under the Citizens'
523 Election Program for a primary campaign, after the close of the state
524 convention of the candidate's party that is called for the purpose of
525 choosing candidates for nomination for the office that the candidate is
526 seeking, if a primary is required under chapter 153, and (A) said party
527 endorses the candidate for the office that the candidate is seeking, (B)
528 the candidate is seeking nomination to the office of Governor,
529 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
530 Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator
531 or state representative and receives at least fifteen per cent of the votes
532 of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-call vote
533 taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for
534 the office the candidate is seeking, or (C) the candidate circulates a
535 petition and obtains the required number of signatures for (i) filing a
536 joint candidacy for nomination as a ticket to the offices of Governor
537 and Lieutenant Governor, pursuant to section 9-400, as amended by
538 this act, (ii) filing a candidacy for nomination [for (i)] to the office of
539 [Governor, Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, State
540 Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district
541 office of state senator or state representative, pursuant to section 9-400,
542 as amended by this act, or [(ii)] (iii) filing a candidacy for nomination
543 to the municipal office of state senator or state representative, pursuant
544 to section 9-406, whichever is applicable. The State Elections
545 Enforcement Commission shall make any such grants to participating
546 candidates in accordance with the provisions of subsections (d) to (g),
547 inclusive, of this section.

548 (2) A participating candidate for nomination to the office of state

senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office of [Governor,] Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, or a participating candidate campaigning jointly with another participating candidate for nomination as a ticket to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, in 2010, or thereafter, may apply to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for a grant from the fund under the Citizens' Election Program for a general election campaign:

(A) After the close of the state or district convention or municipal caucus, convention or town committee meeting, whichever is applicable, of the candidate's party that is called for the purpose of choosing candidates for nomination for the office that the candidate is seeking, if (i) said party endorses said candidate for the office that the candidate is seeking and no other candidate of said party files a candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-400, as amended by this act, or 9-406, whichever is applicable, (ii) the candidate is seeking election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator or state representative and receives at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for the office the candidate is seeking, no other candidate for said office at such convention either receives the party endorsement or said percentage of said votes for said endorsement or files a certificate of endorsement with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-388, as amended by this act, or a candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-400, as amended by this act, and no other candidate for said office circulates a petition and obtains the required number of signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination [for] to said office pursuant to section 9-400, as amended by this act, (iii) the candidate is seeking election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of

583 the State or the district office of state senator or state representative,
584 circulates a petition and obtains the required number of signatures for
585 filing a candidacy for nomination [for] to said office pursuant to
586 section 9-400, as amended by this act, and no other candidate for said
587 office at the state or district convention either receives the party
588 endorsement or said percentage of said votes for said endorsement or
589 files a certificate of endorsement with the Secretary of the State in
590 accordance with the provisions of section 9-388, as amended by this
591 act, or a candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with
592 the provisions of section 9-400, as amended by this act, or (iv) the
593 candidate is seeking election to the municipal office of state senator or
594 state representative, circulates a petition and obtains the required
595 number of signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination [for] to the
596 office the candidate is seeking pursuant to section 9-406 and no other
597 candidate for said office at the caucus, convention or town committee
598 meeting either receives the party endorsement or files a certification of
599 endorsement with the town clerk in accordance with the provisions of
600 section 9-391;

601 (B) After any primary held by such party for nomination for said
602 office, if the Secretary of the State declares that the candidate is the
603 party nominee in accordance with the provisions of section 9-440;

604 (C) In the case of a minor party candidate, after the nomination of
605 such candidate is certified and filed with the Secretary of the State
606 pursuant to section 9-452; or

607 (D) In the case of a petitioning party candidate, after approval by
608 the Secretary of the State of such candidate's nominating petition
609 pursuant to section 9-453o.

610 Sec. 13. Section 9-709 of the general statutes is repealed and the
611 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

612 (a) For purposes of this section, expenditures made to aid or
613 promote the success of both a candidate for nomination or election to

614 the office of Governor and a candidate for nomination or election to
 615 the office of Lieutenant Governor jointly, shall be considered
 616 expenditures made to aid or promote the success of a candidate for
 617 nomination or election to the office of Governor. The party-endorsed
 618 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant
 619 Governor and the party-endorsed candidate for nomination or election
 620 to the office of Governor shall be deemed to be aiding or promoting
 621 the success of both candidates jointly [upon the earliest of the
 622 following: (1) The primary, whether held for the office of Governor, the
 623 office of Lieutenant Governor, or both; (2) if no primary is held for the
 624 office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor, the fourteenth day
 625 following the close of the convention; or (3) a declaration by the party-
 626 endorsed candidates that they will campaign jointly. Any other
 627 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant
 628 Governor shall be deemed to be aiding or promoting the success of
 629 such candidacy for the office of Lieutenant Governor and the success
 630 of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor
 631 jointly upon a declaration by the candidates that they shall campaign
 632 jointly] upon: (1) In the case of major party candidates, the earlier of
 633 (A) the joint endorsement for nomination as a ticket, or (B) the filing of
 634 a joint candidacy for nomination as a ticket; (2) in the case of eligible
 635 minor party candidates, the joint nomination as a ticket; or (3) in the
 636 case of eligible petitioning party candidates, the approval of such
 637 candidates' nominating petition by the Secretary of the State.

638 (b) If a candidate for nomination or election to the office of
 639 Lieutenant Governor is campaigning jointly with a candidate for
 640 nomination or election to the office of Governor, the candidate
 641 committee and any exploratory committee for the candidate for the
 642 office of Lieutenant Governor shall be dissolved as of the applicable
 643 date set forth in subsection (a) of this section. Not later than fifteen
 644 days after said date, the treasurer of the candidate committee formed
 645 to aid or promote the success of said candidate for nomination or
 646 election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall file a statement with
 647 the proper authority under section 9-603, identifying all contributions

648 received or expenditures made by the committee since the previous
 649 statement and the balance on hand or deficit, as the case may be. Not
 650 later than thirty days after the applicable date set forth in subsection
 651 (a) of this section, (1) the treasurer of a qualified candidate committee
 652 formed to aid or promote the success of said candidate for nomination
 653 or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall distribute any
 654 surplus to the fund, and (2) the treasurer of a nonqualified candidate
 655 committee formed to aid or promote the success of said candidate for
 656 nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor shall
 657 distribute such surplus in accordance with the provisions of subsection
 658 (e) of section 9-608.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-400(a)
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-388
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-404a
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-451
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-437(a)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	9-607(g)(1)
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	9-616(a)
Sec. 9	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-704(a)
Sec. 10	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-705(a) to (c)
Sec. 11	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-705(j)(5)
Sec. 12	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-706(a)(1) and (2)
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	9-709

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 7(g)(1)(A)(i) and Section 8(a)(5)(B), "or 9-404a, as amended by this act," was struck for accuracy.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*